Production of generating equipment by the BHEL

893. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the indiscriminate imports by the State Power Boards are seriously affecting the production of generating equipment by the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to curb such liberalised imports of machinery by the power boards of the States; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) It is Government's Policy to ensure maximum utilisation of the indigenous capacity. Import is resorted to only selectively and on merits, depending on the totality of circumstances.

Growth rate in industrial production

894. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate in industrial production in the country has been falling decade by decade;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the factors responsible for the decline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) A statement showing C.S.O. index of Industrial Production and growth rates for the period 1951 to 1985 is enclosed. [See Appendix CXXXVIII, Annexure No. 23].

(c) Fluctuations in growth rates are occasioned by various factors like production in the base year, capacity utilisation, public investments, availability of raw materials, state of infrastructure, industrial relations, short-term imbalances between demand and supply, international environment, pace of modernisation and technology upgradation, etc.

Arbitration Courts

895. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news story published in "Janmbhoomi" dated, the 8th April, 1986 to the effect that parallel to the "Lok Adalat", the Indian Merchants' Chamber has inaugurated and established "Arbitration Court" for the disposal of disputes relating to the trade and industry;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India has recommended on the occasion that family and marriage matters too may be handled by such "Arbitration Courts"; and

(c) if so, what is the response of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Only in 1984 Parliament has enacted the Family Courts Act, 1984, which envisages the establishment of Family Courts with a view to promote conciliation in and secure speedy settlement of disputes relating to marriage and family affairs and for matters connected therewith. In view of this, there is no necessity of referring the family and marriage disputes to the "Arbitration Courts" as the Family Courts as and when established under the Family Courts Act, 1984, will be well equipped to deal with these matters.